

Suggested Introduction of Secretary Adams  
for Congressman Fred Rooney  
Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton Airport  
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I'm delighted to have Secretary Adams as our guest today. He told me that when we completed the new runway, he would be glad to come up here for the dedication. He missed the date by about a month, but we fooled him -- we didn't schedule the dedication until we knew what day he could be here.

Brock Adams is a former colleague and a longtime friend. We fought a few Congressional battles together -- most of the time we were on the same side. He was chairman of the Budget Committee, but he has always had a particular interest in, and a clear aptitude for, transportation matters, and he served with distinction on the House Transportation Subcommittee.

He has a long record of working for better railroads in this country, and he has demonstrated by his leadership as Secretary of Transportation an equal passion for improvement in all of our transportation systems -- including greater safety and fuel efficiency.

For those of you who don't know him, let me simply say that Brock Adams began his public service career in 1961, when President Kennedy appointed him U.S. District Attorney for Western Washington state. He was elected to Congress in 1964, where he served until President Carter appointed him to his Cabinet.

Secretary Adams is a graduate -- summa cum laude -- of the University of Washington and the Harvard Law School. At the University of Washington he was president of the student body -- an elective office he won handily, I might add, and he hasn't lost an election since; and somewhere along the line he found time to become an avid, and skillful tennis player. Today he's seldom on the short end of the score, on the court or on Capitol Hill or in meeting the transportation needs of the American people.

Ladies and gentlemen; it's my pleasure to present the Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Brock Adams.

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